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Appointed Justice of the United  
States Supreme Court.—The  
prediction of The Bee three  
weeks ago.



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Mrs. Davis was confirmed without opposition.

Just as The BEE predicted.

Strange things happen some times.

It was only a tempest in a tea pot.

If you want a great race paper read The BEE.

It is the great man who does great deeds.

Small men will do small things some times.

The protests were referred to a committee, where it will sleep.

Things that need rest should sleep some times.

Judge Mills presided over the Police Court a part of this week.

Don't tell all you know it is a dangerous thing.

It is the silent man that you must watch.

A liar cannot be trusted.

A positive man is an honest man.

Speak the truth always it will pay.

Some people think they know it all.

Never advise a conceited man.

A deceitful man is a dangerous man.

Some people imagine that the world rest upon their shoulders.

Be grateful in small things it is the best policy.

It pays to stand by your friends, even in the hour of trouble.

That is the time you should never desert your friends.

Christmas is almost here.

Great deeds can only emanate from honest and true men and women.

Col. M. M. Parker will be the next United States Marshal.

Perhaps the politicians may find out a thing or two.

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The music protest had no effect.

The fight is over so that ends it.

Never make promises that you cannot keep.

When some men say they will support you put it down that they will oppose you.

Yes, there are others as public sentiment may be found in The BEE.

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A liar will promise anything.

Beware of a deceitful man.

The man who volunteers to help you must be watched.

The next delegation from this city will be a solid one.

There is nothing in rumors.

Don't believe all you hear.

A man some times is wrongfully accused.

Always hear both sides of a question.

A wise judge is careful of what he does or says.

It is the foolish man who don't know anything.

The President will act when he returns to the city.

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## THE SENTIMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

In another column will be found a few of the very many newspaper comments upon the appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury. In the main these comments have the unmistakable sound of solid indorsement and high appreciation. It would appear that the people are not as unappreciative as is often charged by narrow politicians and pessimists in general. It may be true that the people are slow to accord pre-eminence, notwithstanding the fact of long periods of uninterrupted and meritorious public service. But, though delayed, it will come in time, and public opinion becomes fixed and unalterable. The voluminous comment touching this latter recognition of Senator Bruce is evidence that the people in every section of the country have selected him as their logical and deserving leader, and that hereafter his counsel and influence will be sought after and relied upon as an expression of the people, in whose interest he has so long devoted his service and the best effort of his life.

We heartily congratulate the people on their splendid indorsement, and the President on the wisdom of his selection.

## THE AUTHORITY OF A JUDGE.

In the Police Court on last Wednesday morning, when the jury in the case of saloon keeper Thomas E. Banton, reported to the court that they could not agree, thereupon the court got very indignant and inferred that someone had violated his oath as a juror. THE BEE is of the opinion that the court went too far. What right has a judge to chastise a jury or a juror as to the verdict that should be rendered? The jury, as well as a juror, must be the judge of the facts in any case. A judge may see a case one way and a jury another. Some judges are always looking for the guilt of a defendant and not his innocence. This kind of business is practiced too much in the Police Court, and the sooner the President makes a change the better it will be for all classes of citizens.

After the jury had reported and received such a chastisement from the court a certain negro juror hastened to the prosecuting officer and informed him how the jury stood. Not being satisfied with this he followed him to his office and asked him whether he was to blame, or rather placed himself in a humiliating position, as if to court his favor, or to give him to understand that he, the juror, was alright. The prosecuting officer was heard to say: "Oh! no, you are alright." Now, is this not a nice affair? Well, nothing more can be expected from certain negro jurors. It was born in some of them. It is a man's prerogative, as a juror, to exercise his own opinion, notwithstanding the instructions of a judge. A juror is above the judge, and he should be made to know it.

## BRUCE--THE NATION'S CHOICE.

## PRESIDENT MCKINLEY STRUCK THE KEY NOTE.

## THE AMERICAN PRESS UNANIMOUS.

## WHAT THE LEADING EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS SAY.

[From the Commercial, Louisville, Ky.]

Newspapers of all shades of politics agree that in the appointment of ex-Senator Bruce to be Register of the Treasury, President McKinley has made an admirable selection. By honesty, industry and a big brain, Mr. Bruce has triumphed over obstacles of birth and social conditions. If color had been ignored and had worth of a similar character been respected in Louisville, what a lilly-white tumult would have been raised. It is well to think this over.



Hon. B. K. Bruce.

[From the Mobile (Ala.) Weekly Press.]

The appointment of ex-Senator Bruce is one of the best made yet by President McKinley and will meet with universal commendation. The Press has always admired him and of course rejoices. With the great leaders passing away it was but just and right that some of that class be properly recognized and none are more worthy than the gentleman upon whom the mantle fell.

[From Southern Age, Atlanta, Ga.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce was appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley last week. There were several candidates, among them our distinguished educator, Prof. Wright who but for the fact the President desired to place Mr. Bruce for his past honorable service to his country, would have been appointed. Mr. Bruce has been known to the writer for a quarter of a century and has been known all the time as a true race representative. He has in and out of season served his people in all the avenues of life and especially here in the Departments (Washington). We have known him all along as one spending his money and time for the race, the sayings of malcontents to the contrary notwithstanding. The appointment gives the administration the strongest man among Negro leaders.

[From the By-Stander, Des Moines, Iowa.]

Ex-United States Senator B. K. Bruce, formerly from Mississippi, was appointed last week Register of the United States Treasury by President McKinley. No better appointment could have been made and will no doubt meet the general approval of the leading progressive element of our race. In all of Mr. Bruce's long political career he has not one word against his honesty and purity of character, neither has he lost his identity with his race leaders. As he has once before held said position he will go into the office with abundant experience, and will add strength to the Treasury Department. We only hope the ex-Senator will remember Iowa in the selection of some of his assistant clerks.

[From the Record-Times, Wilkes Barre, Pa.]

President McKinley has appointed Mr. Bruce again to the office of Register of the Treasury. It can be said of Mr. Bruce that he has filled every office to which he has been called with conspicuous ability and unquestioned fidelity. The colored people generally recognize him as one of their most honorable and honored representatives.

[From Paris (Ohio) Daily Beacon.]

Another worthy recognition of the colored Republicans is the appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury, to succeed J. F. Tillman, of Tennessee. Senator Bruce once delivered a lecture in this city and will be remembered as a brilliant orator and a man of exceptional polish and intellectual power. His appointment is wisely bestowed as his thorough capability has been fully demonstrated in former positions of public trust.

[From the Herald, Rochester, N. Y.]

Blanche K. Bruce, the new Register of the Treasury, is of African descent, but the name on a greenback is not to be sneezed at.

[From the Press, Paterson, N. J.]

In appointing Blanche K. Bruce to the office of Register of the Treasury, a post which he filled with great credit during two former administrations, President McKinley has honored the colored race, one of its ablest members, and himself. Born a slave, and securing his education under the greatest difficulties, Mr. Bruce is a marvel in an intellectual way. The restoration of Mr. Bruce to his former position is a consistent application of civil service principles.

[From the Vickburg (Miss.) Herald.]

The friends of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce are rejoiced over his appointment to his old position of Treasury Register. Unlike certain other ap-

pointments in this and other Southern States this one is above criticism; is in all respects creditable to the Administration. The appointee has been long in public life, and his record throughout is clean and manly.

[From the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss.]

President McKinley to day appointed Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury. He held this office under the Garfield-Arthur administration, and for several months under the Cleveland administration until relieved by the appointment of General W. S. Rosecrans. Mr. Bruce is one of the most distinguished colored men in the country. He represented Mississippi in the United States Senate during the reconstruction period, until succeeded by General L. Z. George on March 4, 1881. He has been a regular attendant at every National Republican Convention held since the war. He was a warm supporter of President McKinley at the St. Louis Convention and contributed largely to his nomination.

[From the Republican-Vindicator, Columbus, O.]

The appointment of Mr. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury was for a long time in the issue of the "Vindicator of November." We knew at that time that his appointment would be made before the assembling of Congress. In this appointment "The Vindicator" feels somewhat flattered in that its espousal of Mr. Bruce's cause proved a very potent factor in bringing about the desired result. Mr. Bruce's appointment was but the logic of the situation. He stands to-day accepted as our greatest representative in public life. He is strong because he is conservative. He is great because he is broad. He is the ripe consummation of our noonday sun. Mr. Bruce is not really credited to any State—he belongs to the whole country. He has outgrown the environments of State and stands as the bright particular star of the Negro race in America.

A few papers narrow in their conception of things, blind to the fitness of things, are backing up their protests against Mr. Bruce with the flimsy charge that he has held office for so many and so many years.

President McKinley has been in public service for over thirty years, Secretary, John Sherman for over forty years, and there is hardly a member of the United States Senate, but whose public service has extended over a greater period than Mr. Bruce. Length of service brings ripeness of character and statesmanship. Mr. Bruce's long service should be, and it was, a strong argument in his favor. There is plenty of room for ability, in this broad country of ours, without crowding to the rear giants like Bruce, Lynch, et al.

Mr. Napier, Mr. Bruce's strongest competitor, had he received the nomination, would have received the most cordial support of "The Vindicator." We recognized that he was eminently fitted for the office, that he was duly recognized by the people. So we gave our first choice, and for him we gave our best support. In the appointment of Mr. Bruce, the Administration recognized the entire race without regard to state or section. In the appointment of Mr. Bruce President McKinley recognized the fitness of things.

Let us not ask the place of another whose ability well qualifies him for that place, but rather let us make a place for ourselves.

Mr. Bruce has earned his distinction in the face of obstacles, now let him enjoy the fruits. "The Vindicator" congratulates Mr. Bruce upon his appointment and thanks the President for the wisdom of that appointment. Long live Bruce.

[From the Indianapolis Freeman.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce has been appointed Register of the Treasury by the President. The fitness of Mr. Bruce has long been understood. He stands as one of the very eminent men of the race to-day. We feel that if Mr. Bruce desired the position it should have gone to him without much ado. It is hardly the correct thing to see our most honored men jostled out of time and place because they have served their country the past. Mr. Bruce is not an old man by any means, and if he were he should go down to his grave full of honors as well as years. We feel that he cannot be too highly honored for his distinguished worth. We feel that Mr. McKinley has chosen well.

[From the New York Age.]

The appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, by the President, to be Register of the Treasury, on Thursday of last week will meet with general favor. There were four competitors for the position and the President considered Mr. Bruce as the most competent and acceptable of them.

Mr. Bruce has held many high and honorable positions and made an honorable and satisfactory record in all of them. It is gratifying from every point of view that the race is capable of producing men of such capacity, ability and dignity as Mr. Bruce possesses. It should be as gratifying to the people of the country at large as it is to the race to which Mr. Bruce more particularly belongs.

It is also gratifying that we have a President who is not afraid to appoint an Afro-American to a really representative position.

[From the Democrat-Chronicle, Rochester, N. Y.]

The Rochester Union and advertiser says that Blanche K. Bruce, just appointed by President McKinley Register of the Treasury, is a Negro and that "he is appointed simply and solely as a Negro, representative of the colored race."

If our contemporary is correct the Republican party and those who represent it do not treat the Negro fairly; not well grounded. But the statement quoted above is not entirely true. Mr. Bruce is a man of fine ability and accomplishments. He is better qualified for public station than a large percentage of white men who get offices.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, is one of the most fastidious men in public life, but his opinion of Mr. Bruce was so favorable a few years ago that as

president of a national Republican convention he called that gentleman to the chair to preside during the Senator's temporary absence. There seems to be no reason why he should not be made Register of the Treasury except the fact that he happens to have Negro blood in his veins. Our content representative of the Negro in all that is a disqualification, but the statement we have quoted has a bearing in that direction.

[From the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.]

The President has ended the spirited contest for Register of the Treasury by appointing the Hon. B. K. Bruce to that position. There will be some objection, but none will question his fitness and competency to fill the position. The most prominent candidates for this position in addition to Mr. Bruce were Messrs. R. R. Wright of Georgia; J. C. Napier of Tennessee, and W. A. Gaines of Kentucky. The appointment is received with favor and is generally approved. The appointment of Mr. Bruce disposes of all the applicants among the colored Republicans of Kentucky except Attorney Albert S. White who wants to be minister to Liberia.

[From the People Recorder, Columbia, S. C.]

After months of suspense the President has appointed the Register of the Treasury, and Blanche K. Bruce is the lucky man.

Mr. Bruce is one of the foremost men of our race and his appointment is a recognition of his worth and ability. Mr. Bruce is no stranger to this office, having acceptably filled it with credit to himself and the race under President Harrison.

Mr. Bruce enters upon the duties of his office with the best wishes of the race and the entire country.

[From the Savannah (Ga.) Tribune.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce was appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley on Wednesday. Mr. Bruce is one of the ablest and best representatives of our people. Georgia Republicans are a unit in tendering their congratulations to the ex-Senator.

[From the Item, Fort Worth, Tex.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce has been appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley. Since it was known that a colored man would be appointed to the place Mr. Bruce has been the choice of a majority of the Republicans throughout the country. Mr. Bruce held this position under President Garfield. He has "The Item's" congratulations.

[From the New York Tribune.]

The appointment of Blanche K. Bruce to succeed J. F. Tillman as Register of the Treasury, a place he creditably filled under Garfield's short Administration and through Arthur's term, is without question one of the most popular acts of the present Administration, and since news of the honor conferred upon him was made public Mr. Bruce has been the recipient of congratulatory letters and telegrams so great in number and so complimentary in character that, while he is somewhat astonished by the amount of enthusiasm his appointment has inspired, he is naturally gratified at this evidence that he still retains the regard of his old friends and supporters. The majority of these pleasing messages come, of course, from Mississippi, the State Mr. Bruce so ably represented in the Senate and in the politics of which he for so many years played a leading part—from his home, in fact.

There is every reason why Mr. Bruce's appointment should be a popular one. Mr. Bruce was an especial admirer of General Grant and they were warm friends. When General Grant made his famous trip around the world, they happened to meet in Paris, and, stopping at nearby hotels, were together, and tramped about Paris in each other's society. While Mr. Bruce counts among his friends all the Republican leaders of the last quarter of the century, Senator Conkling was his warmest friend, and he had for the New York politician a great admiration, which was reciprocated by Conkling, who, to Bruce, never showed any that arrogance which he was accused of possessing.

Mr. Bruce's only child, a bright boy, now a student at Exeter, from which preparatory school he goes to Harvard, was named for the picturesque Senator from New York, and his father wishes nothing more than he shall model his character after that of his illustrious namesake.

[From the Aberdeen (Miss.) Examiner.]

The appointment of ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, of Bolivar County, Mississippi, as Register of the Treasury to succeed J. F. Tillman, of Tennessee, will give great satisfaction to Mississippians generally, who regard him as a splendid representative of his race, and one whose private life and public career have been distinguished by efforts to a cure and cement kindly relations between the two peoples whose interests and happiness have been providentially blended in this commonwealth.

Coming to our State after the war, he became engaged in planting interests which have claimed his attention ever since. His official life has embraced the positions of sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate, member of the levee board, sheriff of Bolivar County, county superintendent of education, United States Senator, and a term under President Garfield in the office to which he has again been appointed, and while out of office he devoted his time to the lecture platform with great success.

In seeking for a colored man of national reputation, whose appointment would reflect honor upon his race and at the same time satisfy all of the demands of the exalted station, President McKinley has made no mistake in commissioning B. K. Bruce of Mississippi.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Rising Sun.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce knocked the persimmon for which he had been reaching and we congratulate him on his ability to walk away with one of the best positions yet given the Negro. Mr. Bruce was not our choice, but that has nothing to do with our admiration for the man who has been able to keep himself in a good fat job, whenever his party is in power, ever since he began his career as a politician. Mr. Bruce has always been an able, efficient representative of the Negro in all the positions to which he has aspired but he lacked that aggressiveness we feel should characterize the acts of a public man, and especially a leader of the Negroes, but perhaps his very conservatism will do more for his race than the quality we so much admire. Who can tell? Of one thing, we can always feel assured, that an office held by ex-Senator Bruce will be dignified by his presence and carefully and wisely managed.

[The Star, Houston, Mo.]

B. K. Bruce has been appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley. Bruce is one of the most intelligent Negroes of the country. He has had honors no other Negro in this country ever enjoyed, having been elected United States Senator from Mississippi during the reconstruction days. He was Register of the Treasury under both Garfield's and Arthur's administrations. Bruce at one time lived at Brunswick, Mo., where in the capacity of a devil in a printing office he learned to read and write.

[From the Philadelphia Bulletin.]

Ex-Senator Bruce was, made sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate in 1872, and in 1874 the colored Republicans in the Legislature of Mississippi elected him to the United States Senate, the first Negro to sit in that body. President Garfield appointed him Register of the Treasury, the office now given him again by President McKinley. A friend and admirer says that he is the most influential and possibly the ablest colored citizen in the United States. As such he was conspicuous in the Republican Convention of 1884, and his fine presence, large and dignified, gave him, there, as elsewhere, additional distinction. His complexion is a clear yellow, not as dark as that of some West Indians of the Caucasian race; his hair is fine and wavy, and growing thin at the top; his features are better cut than those of most colored persons. His eyes are black and expressive of his love of fun, and his countenance wears a look of happiness and content. His manners are refined, his dress perfect, and his voice sweet and melodious.

[From the Negro Solicitor, Oskaloosa, Iowa.]

At last McKinley has disposed of Hon. B. K. Bruce by appointing him Register of the United States Treasury. We are extremely glad of it for the Negro press can now speak of something beside the "Hon. B. K. Bruce."

positions yet given the Negro. Mr. Bruce was not our choice, but that has nothing to do with our admiration for the man who has been able to keep himself in a good fat job, whenever his party is in power, ever since he began his career as a politician. Mr. Bruce has always been an able, efficient representative of the Negro in all the positions to which he has aspired but he lacked that aggressiveness we feel should characterize the acts of a public man, and especially a leader of the Negroes, but perhaps his very conservatism will do more for his race than the quality we so much admire. Who can tell? Of one thing, we can always feel assured, that an office held by ex-Senator Bruce will be dignified by his presence and carefully and wisely managed.

[The Star, Houston, Mo.]

B. K. Bruce has been appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley. Bruce is one of the most intelligent Negroes of the country. He has had honors no other Negro in this country ever enjoyed, having been elected United States Senator from Mississippi during the reconstruction days. He was Register of the Treasury under both Garfield's and Arthur's administrations. Bruce at one time lived at Brunswick, Mo., where in the capacity of a devil in a printing office he learned to read and write.

[From the Philadelphia Bulletin.]

Ex-Senator Bruce was, made sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate in 1872, and in 1874 the colored Republicans in the Legislature of Mississippi elected him to the United States Senate, the first Negro to sit in that body. President Garfield appointed him Register of the Treasury, the office now given him again by President McKinley. A friend and admirer says that he is the most influential and possibly the ablest colored citizen in the United States. As such he was conspicuous in the Republican Convention of 1884, and his fine presence, large and dignified, gave him, there, as elsewhere, additional distinction. His complexion is a clear yellow, not as dark as that of some West Indians of the Caucasian race; his hair is fine and wavy, and growing thin at the top; his features are better cut than those of most colored persons. His eyes are black and expressive of his love of fun, and his countenance wears a look of happiness and content. His manners are refined, his dress perfect, and his voice sweet and melodious.

[The Times, Washington, D. C.]

When ex-Senator Bruce, the new Register of the Treasury, assumed the duties of the register he found his office a bower of flowers and his desk covered with floral offerings sent by admiring and congratulatory friends. Mr. Tillman introduced Mr. Bruce to the employees of the office and Mr. Bruce was warmly welcomed by them, especially those who had served under him when he was Register during the Garfield-Arthur administration. Mr. Bruce was sworn in last Friday and it is said that he does not contemplate making any changes in the office.

[From the Richmond (Va.) Planet.]

The nomination of Hon. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury was a commendable act on the part of President William McKinley. It will be received with satisfaction by our people throughout the country. Mr. Bruce is one of the most polished gentlemen at the capital of the nation. He has grown steadily in popular favor and shines with added lustre since the demise of the lamented Douglass and the idolized Langston.

[From the Leavenworth Herald.]

"B. K. Bruce," says the President of the United States "must be Register of the Treasury for the ensuing four years." We have known the result of this contest for weeks, and are not surprised. Our illustrious uncle never lost a battle; truly he knows no Waterloo.

[From the Times, Washington, D. C.]

The appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce, former United States Senator from Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury, which was made yesterday afternoon by the President, was not much of a surprise to politicians. It was understood all the time that the place was for a colored man, and public opinion had it consistently that Mr. Bruce would be the representative office holder. He has had an unblemished record, and one that extends all over the country. It was the general reputation of Mr. Bruce, in fact, as well as his services to the national party and his well known ability that secured for him his position.

The most recent service of Mr. Bruce to the Republican party was in the Ohio campaign. He is familiar with Ohio people and politics, having been educated in that state and been there in nearly every Presidential election.

[From the Times, Washington, D. C.]

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher at one time urged him to study theology and become a Congregationalist preacher, which studies he began, but did not pursue them long, as he felt the persuasion was not his living. He is now engaged in cotton planting in the State of Mississippi, and suffered very severely by the March floods, which inundated the entire section of country in which he was operating.

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[From the Burlington, Iowa, Hawkeye.]

In appointing Blanche K. Bruce to be Register of the Treasury, the President has given the colored section of the population conspicuous recognition of a capable man a place with the duties of which he is already familiar. Mr. Bruce has to his credit a honorable record as a United States Senator from Mississippi during the reconstruction period. He served as Register of the Treasury during the administration of Garfield and Arthur and was Recorder of Deeds in Washington during Harrison's administration. In every public position he has filled he has discharged his duties with fidelity and ability, and his appointment as Register of the Treasury will be generally regarded by candid men of all parties as an entirely fitting selection.

[From the Boston Advertiser.]

And still some of the colored brethren are not content with the appointment of Blanche K. Bruce to the honorable position of Register of the Treasury. They allow that he is of African descent, and that he is a slave, but they insist that it is difficult to distinguish the hue of his man from that of a plain, ordinary white man.—Boston Herald.

[From the Boston Advertiser.]

No, no, Bro. Editor when a manager white man he has doubtless never seen B. K. for he is way down in color below the Mulatto to any man who sees him would not call him white by any means.

[From the Gazette, Raleigh, N. C.]

While the other applicants for the Registership of the Treasury were doubtless staying around Washington, city watching the movements of the President and getting indorsement from people who visit the Capital of the Nation our uncle B. K. Bruce was in Ohio "whooping it up" for Senator Hanna, as a result of Thursday of last week President McKinley appointed ex-Senator Bruce to his former position of Register of the Treasury. It is not only hard to down a working man, but also hard to down a live politician. While the younger fellows slept Bruce went away with the prize. Congratulations!

[From the Times, Walton, N. Y.]

The President has appointed Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, Register of the Treasury. Bruce represents Mississippi in the Senate from reconstruction days and is the best known negro republican in the country. He was Register of the Treasury one before, and is a genial fellow.

[From the Morning Republican, West Chester, Pa.]

We are pleased to observe that the President, in selecting his Register of the Treasury, has reappointed to the place Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi. We do not approve of the custom of starting new men, as President Hayes, of reserving certain offices for colored men, because we wish every man, white or black, should be eligible to every position for which he is qualified, and to which his services to the party, or the country, permit him to aspire. We believe, however, in a particular place, like that of the Register of the District of Columbia, seems to have become a chattel of the aggregate colored vote, we are glad that Mr. Bruce was not passed by.

[From the Morning Republican, West Chester, Pa.]

Of those who give to the lower mankind hope that the future of the colored man may be created by the aid of and benefit to the land of which we have become a part, Bruce is the one we contemplate with most satisfaction. He is a man of brains, and he has that gentlemanly bearing and tact that draw men to him and retain them. A self-respecting man, he is at the same time the type of a perfect gentleman. No doubt he feels, as every sensible colored gentleman must feel, the humiliations which the worst of his race must bear because the Lord God chosen to give him a complexion darker than the Caucasian. He is not a man of resentment in this anger, but a man of peace, who believes in the power of the word. Mr. Bruce bears the burden of such discrimination with dignity and with abiding faith that time will efface prejudice, that the bearing of such a burden will disarm hostility, and that the advance of his race, year by year, will gentler attributes of civilization will compel fair treatment at the hands of christian men and women.

[From the Times, Washington, D. C.]

When we reflect that the new Register was born in bondage, that he is emphatically a self-made man, that he has acquired wealth by the exercise of the gifts the Lord vouchsafed him, and that he is as stout as a bull, we are astounded to behold what a brave man, a pure hearted man, a thoroughly honorable man, can make of himself under the most adverse circumstances.

We believe we have heretofore spoken of the subject of this paragraph, "The Reconstruction period," in the Senate of the United States. Now, the States did not always come with a clean bill of health. In fact, there was a certain general disposition among the other members to draw their skirts away from contact with the "carpet baggers" and the few colored men whom the "carpet-baggers" had to recognize. Senator Bruce began his legislative career under these unpleasant surroundings. But he had not been there long before, in his own modest, yet self-respecting way, he had secured the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the Senate Chamber. He has been in the Senate, he has held several prominent positions. In each of these he has shown his worth. And none of them has failed to add to those who honor and admire him. And we are glad to perceive by his last appointment that his public career is not yet closed.

The future of the colored race in this country is not yet assured. They must, as a race, attain a greater height than they have so far reached. They must learn to respect themselves as a white men will respect them as a whole. They must cease to be conspicuous as the element which looks upon a political canvass as a season when the harvest is to be gathered. They must ascend in the social scale that they must approach them with a bribe will be a dangerous thing to do. When they

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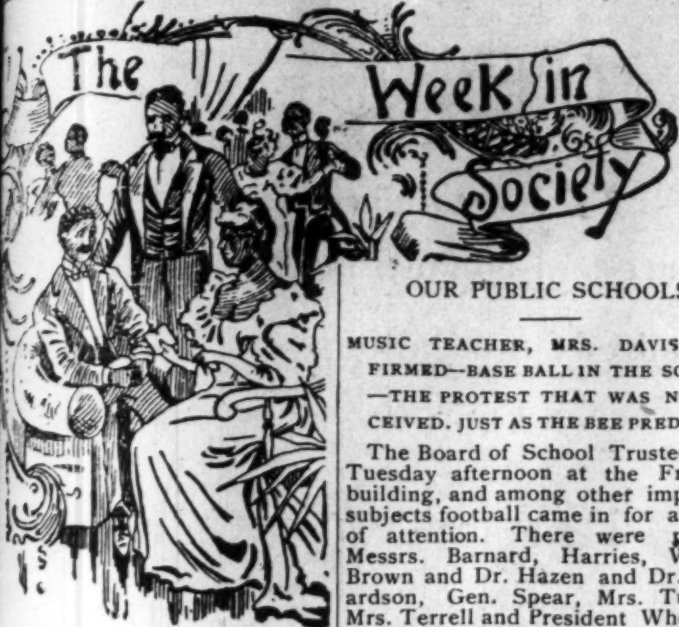
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## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MUSIC TEACHER, MRS. DAVIS, CONFIRMED—BASE BALL IN THE SCHOOLS—THE PROTEST THAT WAS NOT RECEIVED. JUST AS THE BEE PREDICTED.

The Board of School Trustees met Tuesday afternoon at the Franklin building, and among other important subjects football came in for a share of attention. There were present Messrs. Baward, Harries, Wilson, Brown and Dr. Hazen and Dr. Richardson, Gen. Spear, Mrs. Tulloch, Mrs. Terrell and President Wheeler, the full board. Letters were read to the board, one from the District Commissioners appraising them that the school building situated at the corner of Fifth and Quincy streets, northeast, has been named the Eckington school, and others submitting the resignations of Miss S. B. McNantz, teacher in the seventh grade, third division, and Mr. J. H. Stickney, teacher in the Western High School. Both resignations were accepted. Additional leave of absence for three months, to date from January 1st, was granted to Miss Marguerite Lasher.

A communication was received from a committee of Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, asking the co-operation of the school trustees in a plan to have composition written by the school children of the Northeast on the subject of grade crossings and the danger incident thereto. It was proposed that these essays should be submitted to a competent committee for appraisal, and that a suitable gold medal shall be given to the author of the one that seemed to the committee most meritorious. Many objections were urged against this proposition, and the whole plan was rejected by a unanimous vote. Dr. Richardson made the principal objections. Secretary Falck read petitions from all the eighth grade teachers of the District asking for an adjustment of their salaries on equitable basis and from the teachers in physics in the colored high schools praying for an increase of salary. Both were referred to the committee on ways and means.

## CHANGES AMONG TEACHERS.

The following list of changes in the staff of teachers was submitted and approved:

Third division—Promote A. L. Ambrose from sixth to seventh grade, and from \$775 to \$825 per annum, vice S. B. McNantz, resignation accepted; L. V. Snowden, from fifth to sixth grade, and from \$700 to \$775, vice A. L. Ambrose; M. A. Kuhn, from fourth to fifth grade, and from \$650 to \$700 per annum, vice L. V. Snowden; M. M. Gardner, from third to fourth grade, and from \$550 to \$650 per annum; F. W. Potter, from first to third grade, and from \$500 to \$550 per annum, vice M. M. Gardner. Appoint Grace Cauldwell teacher of first grade at \$400 per annum, vice F. W. Potter. The above changes to take effect December 1st, 1897.

Sixth division—Appoint E. Schlosser janitor Langdon school, at \$165 per annum, to take effect December 1, 1897, vice E. D. Smoot, resigned.

Eighth division—Assign F. M. Costin, teacher, transferred from tenth division to seventh grade, and promote from \$775 to \$825 per annum, vice Emma Patterson, transferred to tenth division.

High schools—Central—B. M. King, teacher, promoted from \$650 to \$700 per annum, vice J. H. Stickney, resigned. Business—Promote A. S. Hazelton, teacher, from \$600 to \$650 per annum, vice B. M. King, promoted.

Western—Appoint Julia L. Pearson, teacher at \$600 per annum, vice J. H. Stickney.

Tenth division—Transfer F. M. Costin, teacher of sixth grade, to eighth division, in place of Emma Patterson, at \$700 per annum.

Eleventh division—Appoint Frances E. Payne, teacher of first grade, at \$500 per annum; appoint Sarah E. Jenkins teacher of first grade at \$500.

Cooking—Appoint Janet T. Freeman temporary teacher of cooking at \$425 per annum.

Night schools—Appoint Louise P. Kelly teacher at \$1.50 per night, vice H. R. Pannell, resigned; appoint J. E. Anderson teacher at \$1.50 per night, vice F. E. Payne, resigned.

The committee on teachers and janitors recommended that certificates be granted as follows: Third class, Jessie M. Peck and Lillard Gooden; second class, Eliza E. Cromwell, John A. Russell, Rose L. Hardy, William R. Eastman, Julia L. Langille, Annie E. Douglass, Grace E. Palmer, Pauline Mueden, Emma J. Maloney, Clara M. Upton, Virginia Bukey, Bessie L. Yoder, Alice F. Mitchell and Mary A. Furhorst.

## MUSIC TEACHER SELECTED.

Dr. Brown, chairman of the committee on music, announced the close of the selection of a music teacher for the colored schools. An examination had been held, he explained, to select from the applicants for the place the person best fitted to do the work, applications having been previously limited to persons now engaged in teaching in the colored schools. This committee, consisting of Prof. Henry Xander, Prof. Hedon Morsell and Miss E. B. Wilson, had decided that of all the applicants Mrs. Alice Strange Davis possessed the most qualifications for the post, and the committee therefore recommended her appointment. This report was adopted and confirmed by the school board. Mrs. Terrell expressed a desire that the committee be formally thanked for their services, to which the trustees agreed. She then asked that Supt. Cook, of the colored schools, be asked to make a statement in regard to the matter of the salary for the place. To this the board also agreed, and Mr. Cook accordingly explained away any apprehension any one might feel that a new place had been created or any large salary offered for the work to be done.

## Bruce—The Nation's Choice.

(Continued from 4th page.)

have succeeded in all this, they will have made a name as a race like that which Bruce has made as a man.

(From the Boston Current.)

Mr. Bruce belongs to the boquet race, and his color has nothing to do with the degree of his race identity or manhood. He is a negro just the same, and for our part we are perfectly satisfied with him, and have nothing but congratulations for his plum getting proclivities. Bruce doesn't bluff and boast—he just gets there. We don't object.

(From the San Francisco, (Cal.) Outlook.)

The expected has happened and Blanche K. Bruce has been appointed by President McKinley Register of the Treasury. He was appointed to the same position by President Garfield in 1881, and served out his full term without a blemish attaching to his name. His backing for the present appointment consisted of the best influences in the republican party, his own people were almost a unit, and during the recent Ohio campaign he did some very effective work. It is an unusual honor for one man to be thus honored twice, and the race will rejoice with Mr. Bruce in his success.

He is counted the most influential and successful politician of the race. Plain and unassuming and not affected by his successes, he is popular with the masses. While there may be a few who feel that Blanche K. Bruce has received honors enough, yet, in the light of his past excellent record and the integrity displayed in every trust imposed in him, President McKinley has made no wiser and more befitting appointment.

From the Utah (Salt Lake) Plain Dealer.

In this issue appears the cut of ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, whose appointment by the President as Register of the Treasury adds another link to the long chain of the present administration appointments. This place has been, above all others, the principal feature among the race journals, as to the fortunes and successful candidate. The gentlemen who were after the place should be complimented upon the manly and intelligent demeanor that existed between them during the extended contest. The President in making the selection should be congratulated upon his choice and judgment. Mr. Bruce is highly respected and his ability to perform the functions of the office is sealed. Every member of the race should feel proud of it. Mr. Bruce is one of the foremost colored men of the race and is a true and tried leader. Twenty-two years ago he served in the United States Senate from Mississippi, and there showed his ability as a statesman. In 1881 President Garfield appointed him Register of the Treasury and he filled the office creditably to himself, the Administration and the race. He is 56 years old and is quite wealthy and stands high in the ranks as a politician, scholar and a gentleman. We congratulate Mr. Bruce upon his successful candidacy and predict that he will fill the office satisfactorily to the letter, as it is no stranger to him and his business life experience will assist him greatly, as he has been there long before.

HON. B. K. BRUCE, Please except congratulations upon your appointment, which is especially gratifying to Afro-Americans, as I consider you our foremost Afro-American. Respt. yours,

Jas. L. Goodale, Chairman Executive Committee Afro-American League, of Pennsylvania.

## THE CONGRESSIONAL LYCEUM.

A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING—DANGEROUS TENDENCIES AND HOW TO CHECK THEM.

There was a large and appreciative audience present at the National Congressional Lyceum at Odd Fellows Hall last Sunday afternoon. President W. C. Martin presided. Invocation by Deacon Leroy Harvey. Prof. John W. Crummell read a paper, entitled: "Dangerous Tendencies and How to Check Them." Among other things Prof. Crummell mentioned the increased number of lynchings in the states, especially in the South; the wholesale disfranchisement of the negro vote in the Southern States, and the high death rate among the colored population of the country, as indicated by statistics, as dangerous tendencies which should, in some way, be checked. In the presentation of facts he fully sustained his wide reputation as a scholar and one of the best informed men of the race.

Prof. Crummell was followed by Hon. John C. Dancy, one of North Carolina's most popular colored orators and statesmen. He forcibly commended upon the conditions of things as shown by Prof. Crummell's paper. He concluded by saying that he was an optimist, and believed that the present political and social condition of the race would soon give place to progress and a higher christian civilization.

Lawyers Simms, Stewart and Dr. Johnson discussed the paper.

The Lyceum was again honored by the choir of John Wesley Church, Mr. J. W. Compton, director. The singing by the choir was supplemented by Messrs. Harvey and Robinson. Mr. Harvey is a skilled violinist, and the cornet solo by Mr. Robinson, Miss Marietta Harvey accompanied, was loudly applauded, and was subjected to favorable comments by the audience. Miss Marietta Harvey is one of the most accomplished pianist in the District, and the Executive Committee acted wisely in securing her services.

The senior choir of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Prof. James T. Walker director, has accepted an invitation to be present next Sunday afternoon, at which time Prof. Walker will sing a solo.

## EX-CONSUL SMITH'S CHILDREN CARED FOR.

The five little children of ex-United States Consul H. C. Smith, who represented this government at Santos, Brazil, were provided with transportation, by the Board of Children Guardians on last Monday morning, and sent to Tennessee, the home of Mr. Smith's wife. There is a difference of opinion as to the desertion of Mr. Smith from his wife. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith did not place his children in the care of a home until after his wife left him. It was then when he left for New York City where he is now. Of course his friends agree that his wife's actions did not justify him in leaving his children in destitute circumstances.

## LEADERS IN BUSINESS.

Do you want a fine pair of Dresden corsets? One of the best places to go is at Sigmund's, 1902 Penn. avenue northwest. For holiday goods he cannot be beaten.

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Augenstein's, the old reliable house for toys, china and house furnishing. It is the cheapest house in the city. Read his card in another column of this paper. Don't purchase a present until you go to Augenstein's.

Do you want fresh groceries? Go to J. N. Kiem, 1900 L street northwest. For fresh and salt meats this is the place.

You all know Mr. J. D. Donnelly, 14th and I streets northwest. One of the best known business houses in the city. Anything you want for the table can be found in his store.

Go to the Fair, 1712 14th street n. w., if you want cheap goods. Mr. Smith is affable and cannot help pleasing you.

Chester Market, A. C. Leese, proprietor, 21st and L streets is one of the best known places in the city. Patrons of The Bee should not fail to patronize this place.

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If you are broke after pay day and cannot make your best girl a present, you want to go to either of the two best known loan offices in this city. There are no two place like Fulton and Bunstine. See their cards in this paper.

Yes there is another house in this city who make all kinds floral decorations. Davidson and Walker. If you want to be accommodated give them a call, 1270 Penn. avenue northwest.

Do you want to make a fine wedding or birthday present? If so go to House and Herman 7th and I streets northwest. You can get anything you in the way of furnishing your house.

Do you want fine drugs, first class perfumery? Do you want your prescriptions carefully compounded? Then go to L. H. Harris, the only recognized and standard drug store in the southwest, corner of 3rd and F.

If you want fine wines, whiskies, foreign and domestic, go to Louis J. Kessel, wholesale and retail, 425, 10th street, northwest. This is one of the best and cheapest houses in the city. Don't fail to give him a trial.

Certainly you want a good picture made or a fine crayon portrait? You want to look like yourself and if not better without changing yourself; you should not fail to go to the only house in the city who has the instantaneous process of taking a person's picture to perfection. Every prominent person in this city always look for Price, 723 7th street northwest otherwise known as "Only One Man."

The great negro art company, will surprise you with a picture if you will call once. Go and see the wonderful progress of the race and see how young colored men and women are employed. Go and inspect the pictures, 723 7th street northwest, 614 D street northwest, Prof. W. C. O. Jacques.

While in South Washington don't fail to call in and see Edward Flynn of Harmony lodge, K. P. He is a great boy and will entertain you well.

The old reliable McKensie Scott, who has one of the largest places of business in the southwest, has invaded the vicinity of 1113 13th street, northwest, where he has opened another place of business. He means to conduct a business that will be pleasing to everybody. Mr. Scott is a funeral director and embalmer that any one who once employs will not hesitate to call on him again. Call at his new place of business and see what he is doing.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

## A COLORED DEMOCRAT'S COMPLAINT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6, 1897. Editor of the Bee: Will you please allow me space in your most valuable paper, for the purpose of asking the following questions: Why is it that there were a few negro democrats discharged, and so many so-called negro democrats retained? I agree with The Bee, what it says to negro democrats holding places that should be filled by republicans, but what I can't understand is, why you don't publish the names of every negro democrat holding office under the present administration and see that they are removed.

There are several sound money negro democrats who supported McKinley, but have been discharged and silver negro democrats retained, and should they be retained in office until 1900, they will laugh in your face. I believe to the victor belongs the spoils and that these so-called negro democrats should be removed at once. The Bee is the paper to see that it is done, it being the only negro republican paper published in Washington. We look to you for advice in this matter. Hoping that you will give this your attention.

Yours truly,  
An Honest democrat.

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## SECRET ORDERS.

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It is so remarkably strange how foolish some people are in life. For illustration—they will use the knife thinking that they are hurting the party they are hurting, at the same time they have not the sense to see that they are hurting themselves, and not the party that they think. Again, one of the characteristics of our people is ingratitude; no matter what you do you never receive anything but abuse. Take for illustration secret orders, a man or woman may work their brains out, what is the result in the end—ingratitude. Again we have too many aspirants for office. To hear them tell it they don't want anything, but at the same time holding out their hands, reaching. Then, on the other hand, comes in the chronic kicker.

Another mistake we make in secret orders—fighting men and women that can assist the order from several standpoints, finance, influence and brains. Another great mistake is made in putting ignorant people in Presiding Officer's places. What is the result? Confusion and bad feelings. Take ignorant Presiding Officers, the first thing they do will be to break up the institution. Tell them about laws; they will make laws to suit the occasion, doing away with the laws laid down for the government of the order. No person should accept an office that is unable to master the same. Again we should always remember the bridge that carries us over, for the simple reason that we may want to recross at some future period, and the bridge may be gone.

The following points if followed will break up the strongest order in the world: Back-biting, violation of obligations, ignorant officers, failing to follow the principles of the orders, chronic kickers, getting away with the coin, usurpation of powers.

## GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

Capt. W. P. Gray, 33°, Commander of the Washington Patriarche, Odd Fellows, and Grand Captain General of K. T., for the District of Columbia and jurisdiction, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of marriage by having a silver wedding. There were present a few friends and "camels milk" from the Zem Zem.

GRAND COMMANDER K. T. D. C. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, '97. The following orders are issued for the information of the Commands.

1. General order No. 1, dress regulations, amended by section 17, to read as follows: Each Sir Knight who has served for five years or more as a Mason, to wear on each sleeve, from seam to seam, one or more lace stripes, one-half inch in width. Past officers, gold; Sir Knights, silver.

2. Each commander to assemble his Commandery at the Asylum at their conclave in January 1898, in fatigue, for instructions by the E. G. C. G.

x By order of the Grand Com'dy.  
x L. W. PULIES, R. E. G. C.  
x W. P. GRAY, E. G. C. G.

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## BUREAU OF MASONIC INFORMATION AND LABOR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13, '97.—The following information is hereby issued for the information of the fraternity:

1. The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge for 1898: W. H. Johnson, 33°, G. M.; J. H. McDowell, 33°, D. G. M.; J. M. Washington, 32°, Senior Grand Warden; H. C. Smith, 33°, Junior Grand Warden; Edward W. Shields, 33°, Grand Secretary.

2. Article 4. Section 6. A lodge cannot remove its place of meeting from city, town or place named in warrant, or from one place to another in place above mentioned, except by concurrent vote of two thirds of the members present at a meeting, to be appointed by a summons to attend such meeting, stating its object ten days before. Such removals must receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

3. The regular Sunday for the Eastern Star instructions in the future will be the second Sunday in each month at 2:30 p. m.

4. The Shrine will assemble at the Mosque of Mecca at 6 p. m., with fez and white gloves to attend the sermon at the church on Connecticut avenue, northwest, near L street.

5. The school of instruction for Sunday, December 19th will be Royal Arch Chapter, at 2:30 p. m., sharp.

6. Don't forget that THE BEE helped us when we were in the soup. Don't pay any attention to cranks and kickers. We must remember the bridge that carries us over.

7. Watch the Order Board and papers on board at hall. Fraternally.

x D. F. SEVILLE,  
Chief of Bureau.  
M. H. HILL,  
Sec. to Bureau. } x

## POINTS.

There are lots of people who profess to be christians who know no more about christianity than a horse.

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Some of our friends should read the sixth chapter of St. Matthews, 5th and 6th verses. Also the 7th chapter, 1st and 5th verses inclusive.

Some people who profess to be God-fearing people do worse than those in the world. It is better to keep your eyes on such, they bear watching.

In our opinion the Lord will be more merciful to the professed sinner than hypocrites, who profess to be children of God. Within the last month there has been considerable trouble in a certain club, when we came to investigate the principal actors in the drama were God-fearing people. All we can say is Lord have mercy upon such christians. These christians (in name) raised sufficient "cain" to beat the band. If they don't stop we will show them up.  
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